

Information for Release

11/8/2011

Date of the notification to CPS: 10/23/2011

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 10/23/2011

Child's name: Angelo

Age at time of incident: 2 Years

Perpetrator(s): Jennifer Campos

Age: 25

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): At the time of the incident, both child and perpetrator were residing in Phoenix.

A. Circumstances of the fatality or near fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:

On Oct. 23, 2011, a 911 call was made from a local hotel. When EMS arrived, a non-involved party was performing chest compressions on Angelo. Angelo was unresponsive on scene and remained unresponsive after being transported to the hospital. He was intubated and placed in the ICU. Angelo's toxicology results were positive for methadone and amphetamines, which the mother was unable to explain. This placed Angelo at risk for death.

B. Whether CPS has received any reports or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian* :

CPS has received seven prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Angelo while in the care of Jennifer Campos.

In December 2008, a report was received when Jennifer Campos gave birth to Angelo. Jennifer had a positive blood screen for methamphetamines and reported a history of drug use. CPS investigated the incident and the allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was offered services through the substance exposed newborn program; however, the services were declined by the family.

On June 5, 2009 a report was received against Jennifer Campos when Angelo and another sibling were left unsupervised at home. CPS investigated the incident and the allegations were unsubstantiated. The family was not offered any services.

On July 13, 2010, a report was received regarding a domestic violence incident involving Jennifer Campos. Angelo was present during the altercation and was not harmed. CPS investigated the incident and the allegations were unsubstantiated. Community services were offered to the family.

On Nov. 22, 2010, a report was received that Angelo was outside with siblings unsupervised, running around without shoes and ringing tenants' door bells. CPS investigated the incident and the allegations were unsubstantiated. Community services were offered to the family.

On May 3, 2011, a report was received stating that Angelo's parents had been arrested and there were no family or friends willing to care for the child and his siblings. CPS investigated the incident and the allegations were proposed for substantiation.

On June 6, 2011, a report was received that Angelo was outside with siblings unsupervised and running around with no shoes on hot pavement. Angelo was reported to be wearing a diaper so full of feces that he had to hold onto the diaper to keep it from falling off. CPS investigated the incident and the allegations were proposed for substantiation.

On June 24, 2011, a report was received alleging that Angelo nearly drowned when Jennifer left him unattended to go to the bathroom. Angelo was transported by ambulance to the hospital. CPS investigated the incident and Jennifer agreed to stay with a relative who would serve as a safety monitor until further assessment could be completed. CPS then went to a relative's home to complete the necessary paperwork. CPS then returned to see Jennifer and serve a TCN; however, she had left with the children and CPS was unable to locate the family. The family was subsequently located and will be offered services as part of the dependency action filed by CPS.

1. Actions taken by CPS in response to the fatality or near fatality of the child including:

CPS jointly investigated the allegations with the Phoenix Police Department.

2. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

Angelo remains hospitalized. Angelo's siblings have been taken into CPS custody and placed in foster care.

3. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:

Services to the children and family will be determined when the investigation of the case is complete.

*Posted information provides whether there have been reports or any current or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child who has died or suffered a near fatality and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807(F)(2)(a)(iv).

Information, if any, regarding other family or household members and the child or the alleged perpetrator is not posted on the Web site. Calls to the Child Abuse Hotline that do not meet the criteria of a report because they do not contain allegations of abuse or neglect (or because there is no information provided to locate the child or family) are not posted.